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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Bruce D. Gaynor et al.

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For : PEPTIDES FOR THE TREATMENT AND DIAGNOSIS OF  
SYSTEMIC LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS

Art Unit : 1644

Examiner : Gerald R. Ewoldt, Ph.D.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT, INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT,  
AND PETITION FOR A ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

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A Final Office Action was issued on September 10, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application. A reply was due December 10, 2004. Applicants herewith petition for a one month extension of time in which to file a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. The fee for a one month extension of time for a small entity is \$60.00 and a check including this amount is enclosed. With a one month extension of time, the deadline for filing a Request for Continued Examination is January 10, 2005. Accordingly, this Preliminary Amendment and Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying Request for Continued Examination are being timely filed.

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